

**SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET – 20TH MARCH 2017
TUNS LANE REGENERATION PROJECT**

**STATEMENT READ AT THE MEETING ON BEHALF OF DEPUTY CHIEF FIRE
OFFICER – TREVOR FERGUSON**

With reference to the report titled “Tuns lane Regeneration Project paper” published for your Cabinet Meeting on the 20th March, Royal Berkshire Fire Authority would like to raise concerns about how the information has been presented and the potential for the report to be misinterpreted. The report states “***MSH and the RBFA have been working collaboratively for some time to assemble and facilitate the redevelopment of the site***”. We are concerned that the report is presenting a picture of a developed and agreed partnership jointly supporting this proposal. For the Record we would like it to be recorded that we have no such partnership arrangements in place with Michael Shanly Homes(MSH). In good faith our Officers have entered informal discussions with both MSH and Slough Borough Council(SBC) to discuss the possibility to redevelop the Tuns Lane site. No proposals have been presented to the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority by MSH or SBC on this matter. We were not consulted on the drafting of the report being presented to cabinet on the 20th March. Any potential agreement would be subject to the appropriate governance and due process required by the Authority’s constitutional arrangements.

The Authority would however reiterate the position that we have constantly stated, both to your officers and MSH, during informal discussions. We are fully committed to utilising our assets for the benefit of our communities. We would seriously consider any proposal which would support the improvement of the Fire and Rescue Services assets in the Slough area and we would be cognisant of any wider community benefits in our decision making process. All decisions will however be subject to appropriate due diligence and governance.